

# Staffordshire and South Cheshire Woodturners Association

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**My wife stepped into the room where I was working the other day and asked me if I could do some wood turning for her.**

"Of course," I replied, receiving anticipatory joy at the thought of my wife's pleasure when I would be finished creating the item for which she had a need.

"What do you need? Maybe a new dibber or possibly a rolling pin or a vase? I have Persimmon, Hickory, Mesquite, a little bit of Walnut and a tad of Oak. What would you like?"

"Oh, I don't care," my wife replied. "I need about six bags of shavings for the flower beds."

## Got a woodturning problem?

then share it with other members.

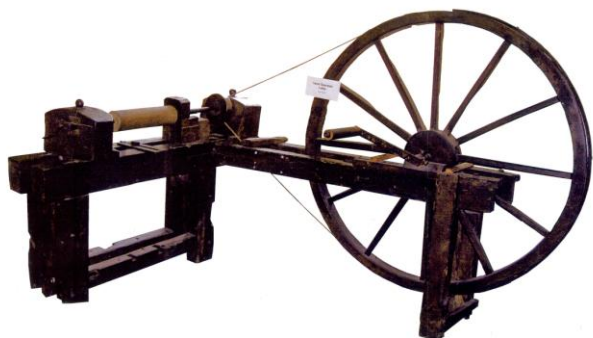
If you have a problem with a piece of wood, a tool or technique, let us know and we will endeavour to solve the problem.

Contact the editor.

The picture below as been submitted by John Haigh.

This old lathe is on show at the Craven Museum and Gallery, Skipton.

Web Site [www.cravenc.gov.uk](http://www.cravenc.gov.uk)



One of our members, Ben Pepper as been very busy producing a few of his own centres as the picture below will show.



Ben would like to meet up with other members of the club for a chat. Ben's suggestion is to meet at members workshops and exchange ideas. If anyone would like to join in the visits, please contact the Newsletter editor on the number below.

*As anyone else produced any tools or jigs and is willing to share them with the club - please contact the editor.*

## For Sale



Wolf drill vice £5.

Contact Mike Willis.

## Members Profile - Stewart Wales



I finished work in 2000 due to illness and started to think about woodturning in 2001. It was something I had always fancied doing and now that I needed a bit of therapy it seemed like the ideal thing. I bought one of Axminsters cheap yellow lathes and a few tools and had a go. Disastrous results followed, I hadn't a clue. A friend gave me an hour or two which helped but then I saw the light. Craft Supplies did courses so I signed up for one with Jimmy Clewes. I had never heard of him of course but soon realised what a superb turner he was. This set me on the right track and I was then trying almost anything. Jimmy put me straight on what tools to buy, and what not to buy! A year later I did another course, this time with Mick Hanbury and that solved all my niggling problems. The time had come to get a proper lathe. I went to the Harrogate show with a good friend who knew about machines, lathes etc., and he recommended the Wivamac which I bought and have been very happy with ever since.

I have no particular preferences on what to turn, I like to try something new but fall back on familiar things for birthday, Christmas and wedding presents.

Over the last 7 or 8 years I seem to have collected huge quantities of green wood which has necessitated me building a wood store at the bottom of the garden. Most of it has cracked of course as I have no storage space for part turned items in my "workshop" (garage) but some can be salvaged I am sure.

I enjoy being a member of the club, helping with booking the demonstrators and other committee duties. So woodturning has given me a lot of pleasure and continues to do so.

### Stewart's Workshop



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